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PRODUCTION OF SOYABEAN IN ANDHRA PRADESH
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of soyabean production in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) whether soyabean farmers of the State are not getting remunerative prices;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to provide remunerative price to soyabean producers and to increase its production in the State?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The production of soyabean in Andhra Pradesh during the last three years is as under:

Year	Production (`000 tonnes)
1998-99	16.8
1999-2000	13.9
2000-2001	11.8

(b) to (d): Due to the heavy import of edible oil there has been a decline in the prices of oilseeds including soyabean in the domestic market. The Government announces Minimum Support Prices (MSP) for oilseeds including soyabean inorder to provideremunerative price to soyabean growers. NAFED is the central nodal agency to carry- out purchase operation in case market price falls below the Minimum Support Prices.Since the market prices of soyabean of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) generally remainedabove minimum Support Prices (MSP) this year (2001-2002), no procurement was made.

For increasing the production of soyabean in the country including Andhra Pradesh, a centrally Sponsored Oilseed Production Programme (OPP) is being implemented. Under the scheme, various incentives by way of subsidy are provided to soyabean growers inorder to motivate them to take-up the cultivation of soyabean on a large scale.